

Act One: Scene Four

~~Boy (another tack) A question, Mister?~~

~~Alf One.~~

~~Boy Do we have to stay down here in the dark?~~

~~Alf The Slank hands ye over to King Zarboff.~~

~~Boy Is the King nice to his help'ers?~~

~~Alf That's two~~

~~ALF exits. The door slams shut behind him.~~

~~Ted I got a sick feeling about this.~~

~~Prentiss I'll think of something.~~

~~MOLLY steps from the shadows.~~

~~Molly No you won't. (The BOYS see her, terrified!) In my
experience, boys are sadly slow thinkers.~~

~~SHIT!!~~

~~Prentiss What are you?~~

~~Molly I'm a girl.~~

~~They edge away, the BOY hiding behind TED and
PRENTISS.~~

Prentiss No way.

Ted We saw a girl once -

Prentiss - headmaster's daughter.

Ted It was nothing like you. It was all - (characterizing
that awful girl of yore) "aarrrgh, rowrrr, gonna getcha!"

Molly (the boss) Who's the leader here?

Prentiss Who wants to know?

Molly Molly Aster. Doctor Pretorius back home says I

have an extraordinarily high level of brain power.

Prentiss If you're so smart, how come you're stuck on

this dirt bucket?

Molly I'm not stuck. I'm going to meet my father in

Rundoon. He has important things to do.

Prentiss We have important things to do.

Ted No we don't.

Peter and the Starcatcher

Prentiss I'm the leader, and I say we got some things.
Boy (to MOLLY) He's not the leader.
MOLLY recognizes the upside-down BOY from the crate.
Molly You.
Boy You.
Molly How old are you?
Boy How old are you?
Molly I'm thirteen.
Boy I'm thirteen.
Molly Wait - I just remembered today's my birthday. I'm fifteen.
Boy If you were thirteen and today's your birthday, you'd be fourteen.
Molly I only celebrate odd-numbered birthdays.
Prentiss Wait a minute, wait a minute, doesn't matter how old you are! I'm still the leader. The leader has to be a boy.
Molly (to TED) Hey - up our end of the ship we get served proper food. I can lead you there - (to PRENTISS, pointedly) which would make me the leader.
Ted (drooling) Proper food? Really?
Molly Just tell me your names.
Boy Why should we?
Molly (conspiratorially) Only that . . . if you have names, they serve you meat.
Ted TED! I'm TED!
Prentiss But I call him Tubby, 'cuz he's food-obsessed.
Ted I am not food ob -
Prentiss D'you write poems about pie?
Ted To pass the time -
Prentiss Hide beans in your blanket?

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Ted It's a blood-sugar thing.
Prentiss Faint at the merest whisper of - (to MOLLY, gleeful) get this - (back to TED) sticky pudding!
Ted (faints to his knees) Sticky pudding, it's so good . . .
Prentiss Like I said, food-obsessed. I'm Prentiss. I'm in charge here.
Molly (turns to TED) Ever notice, Ted - the more you claim leadership, the more it eludes you?
Ted (to PRENTISS) Oh, snap!
Molly ~~and what are you, boy?~~ **END**
Boy (rudely) Leave me alone.
Molly Sorry.
Ted Don't take it personally.
Prentiss He's rude to everybody.
Ted It's why he gets beatings.
Prentiss And why he's got no friends.
Ted Go on. Tell her your name, why don't you?
PRENTISS and TED laugh cruelly.
Molly What's so funny?
Boy Thanks, Ted.
Ted He doesn't have a name.
Prentiss Been orphan'd too long to remember.
Ted Grempink calls him -
Ted, Prentiss (mocking) - mule!
Boy Go on! You and your stupid names go follow some stupid girl.
Prentiss Like we need your permission, friendless.
Molly (defending the BOY) Doesn't cost any more to be nice, charmless.
Ted What about the food?
Prentiss (to MOLLY) You can be like temporary leader - but only 'til we eat.